

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 3 is amended. No new matter is added. Further, the specification is also amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Office Action indicates that claim 5 is allowed and that claim 4 contains allowable subject matter.

I. Objection to the Specification and Claim

The Office Action objects to the title. The title of the invention is amended to obviate the objection. The Office Action objects to claim 3 based on formal matters. Claim 3 is amended to obviate the objection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objections.

II. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Tsugai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,259,548). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully assert that Tsugai et al. does not disclose a pair of arms and a connecting part for connecting the arms to each other; and respective piezoelectric devices attached to the arms, as recited in independent claim 1.

As shown in Figs. 6 and 7, Tsugai et al. disclose "a pair of first driving frames supported by a pair of anchor portions, which are in turn supported by a supporting substrate," as generally disclosed in col. 8, lines 6-13 of Tsugai et al. (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully assert that there is a substantial difference between "a part" of the claimed invention and "a pair of portions" of Tsugai et al. Further, Applicants assert that there is a difference between "connecting" of the claimed invention and "supported by" as taught by Tsugai et al. Additionally, "arms" (fig. 2, item 12 of present invention) and "frames" (fig. 6, item 7A of Tsugai et al.) are two substantially different structures. Accordingly, Applicants

assert that Tsugai et al. fails to teach respective piezoelectric devices connected to the arms, as generally recited in independent claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 defines patentable subject matter. Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1, and therefore, also define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

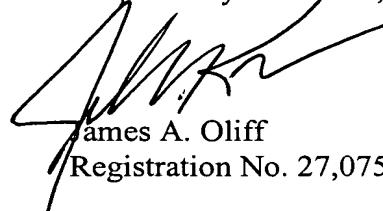
The Office Action rejects claims 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsugai et al. Claim 3 is amended to clarify that the piezoelectric devices are multilayer to obviate the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-5 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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